

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-17 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 10 being the only independent claims. Claims 7, 8, 15, and 16 are withdrawn from consideration. No new claims are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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